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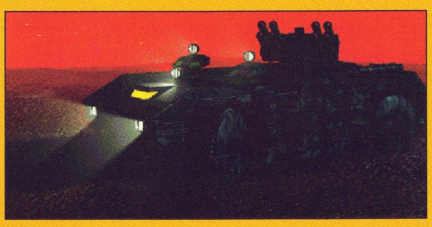
THE SCREAMING METAL CD-ROM

CRITICAL MASS

Screaming Metal™ is the latest CD-ROM title under development at Reactor. Screaming Metal is an "Interactive Movie" that features high quality 3D modeling, graphics, and animation. Detailed scenes, fluid animation, photorealistic rendering, and dramatic characters combine to create a truly cinematic experience!

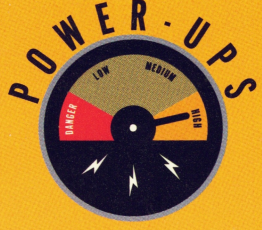
Under the direction of **Mike Saenz** (creator of **Virtual Valerie** and **Spaceship Warlock**), a new Reactor development team was formed to undertake the ambitious project. Working on a network of Macintosh Quadra computers, a network of 486 PC computers, and using both Autodesk's 3D Studio and the Electric Image Animation System, the Screaming Metal development team has made every effort to ensure that this CD-ROM title will be Reactor's finest offering yet.

In Screaming Metal, you are a commando in the United Space Forces sent on a perilous mission to battle a deadly race of aliens on a distant planet. An array of powerful weapons are at your disposal. You must journey through a forbidding alien world to fight for the fate of mankind!



It is the last half of the second millenium and a pestilence has fallen upon the people of the star colonies: **Space Vampires, scourge of the galaxy!** By command of the Triplanetary Congress, the United Space Forces have been dispatched to end the plague. The **Space Marines** have been sent to the vampires' homeworld to destroy the menace once and for all!

Look for the release of Screaming Metal in 1993 and if you're planning to attend the **'93 San Francisco Macworld Expo**, be sure to visit the Reactor booth and check it out!

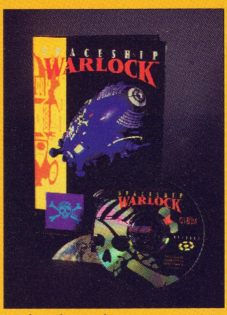


• **Spaceship Warlock** has been licensed to Sony for the **Sony PlayStation**—a future consumer level CD-ROM-based game system!

• In a brilliant move, **Apple Germany** is bundling Spaceship Warlock with the Apple CDSC drive sold in Germany!

• **Virtual Valerie 2™** is Reactor's newest release. The outrageous new Valerie is a fully-animated, interactive, virtual sex toy! See the "Virtual Valerie" section.

• A new version of the original Virtual Valerie™ has been released: **Virtual Valerie: The Director's Cut**! This one features the restored sex scenes among other surprises. Find out how to upgrade in the "Virtual Valerie" section.



• **Spaceship Warlock** has been re-released in new packaging. The tall, colorful packaging appeals to software retailers. Unlike the"long box", the new package is environment-friendly.

• Reactor has created a new display booth for exhibitions and trade shows. The new display features hands-on demo stations. In 1993, Reactor will exhibit at the following trade shows: **Macword Expo San Francisco, Home Media Show** (Los Angeles), **Summer CES** (Chicago), and **Macworld Expo Boston** with more to be announced later.

• **Spaceship Warlock** is being converted to the PC platform. The PC version will look and function very much like the original Macintosh version. No specific release date has been set.

DON'T BREAK THE CHAIN!

Melvin T. Cretin of Podunk, New Jersey bought a Reactor title, but failed to send in his registraton card. He never received the CHAIN REACTION letter or learned about Reactor's new products. Bored out of his mind, he sold off his CD-ROM drive...

Don't let that happen to you!

To ensure that you continue to receive CHAIN REACTION, keep your current address in our mailing list. Please note that old Spaceship Warlock registration cards are printed with an old address. Make the address correction before you send in your registration card to avoid non-delivery by the Post Office. Send all registration cards to:

Reactor Inc., 445 West Erie, Chicago, IL. 60610

Spaceship Warlock Questions

Q. Can I run Spaceship Warlock on a Macintosh LC?
A. Spaceship Warlock was made to run best on a Macintosh II class machine with a 13" color monitor. A Macintosh LC may run a bit slow and a 12" monitor will clip Warlock's 640 X 480 screen area.

Q. Why am I getting the message, "Not enough memory to run Spaceship Warlock"?
A. You need 3.5 megabytes of available RAM to run Spaceship Warlock. Warlock's run-time program may allow you to begin with less, but once the program needs more memory you will get this error message. Be sure you have 3.5 mbytes free, and you will never see this message.

Virtual Valerie Questions

Q. Can I run Virtual Valerie 1.0 on my Macintosh LC?
A. Virtual Valerie 1.0 was made to run best on a Macintosh II class machine with a 13" color monitor. On a Mac LC, Valerie may run a bit slow and a 12" monitor will clip Valerie's 640 X 480 screen area. **Virtual Valerie 2** does not have this problem.

Q. Where's all the sex play in Virtual Valerie 1.0?
A. It's admittedly absent. Look for more fun in **Virtual Valerie: The Director's Cut** and **Virtual Valerie 2**.

Creepy Castle Questions

Q. Is Creepy Castle a CD-ROM?
A. No. Creepy Castle is a black and white action/adventure arcade-styled game that ships on two floppy disks. The game features animated monsters, scrolling backgrounds, 4 challenging scenarios, 4 levels of difficulty, a save game feature, real sound effects, an original music score and programmable action keys.

Q. What do I need to run Creepy Castle?
A. A Macintosh Plus or greater, 1 megabyte of available RAM and a hard disk.

General Questions

Q. Are Reactor's products System 7 compatible?
A. Yes, but the run-time programs for both Spaceship Warlock and Virtual Valerie must be copied to your hard disk and their memory allocation must be increased to 4000k (4 megabytes) of memory.

Q. Could my INITS be causing problems?
A. Yes. An INIT or Extension can cause a conflict with your system files, other INITs or with a specific application. To resolve an INIT conflict, remove all the INITs (except for your CD-ROM driver) and restart. Test to see if the problem remains. If the problem is gone, move the INITs back into the system folder one by one, restarting after each until you find the culprit.

COOL DUDS!

Worn by the elite few, coveted by the masses! Yes, it's Reactor apparel to die for! The coolest threads in the CD-ROM universe!

Virtual Valerie T-Shirt

White all-cotton "Beefy-T", full color silkscreen graphic on back with black triple "X" on the front. Available in Medium, Large, Extra-Large.

Spaceship Warlock Hat

Black cotton twill baseball cap. White imprint of "Jolly Roger." One size fits all.

Screaming Metal T-Shirt

Black all-cotton "Beefy-T", with 3 color silkscreen graphic on back and a 2-color Reactor logo on front left breast. Available in Medium, Large, Extra-Large.

Spaceship Warlock T-Shirt

Black all-cotton"Beefy-T", 3-color silkscreen graphic on front. White "Jolly Roger" printed on sleeve. Available in Medium, Large, Extra-Large.

DEAR SIRS: You bet! I'm all out of clean laundry and I lost my good fishin' hat last year at Lake Waukanookee. Please send me the items listed below in the quantities indicated.

Name _____

Address _____ Apt. No. _____

Ctiy _____ State _____ Zip _____

	Size (M, L, X-L)	Unit Price	Quantity	Total
Spaceship Warlock Hat	one size fits all	**$15**		
Spaceship Warlock T-Shirt		**$15**		
Virtual Valerie T-Shirt		**$15**		
Screaming Metal T-Shirt		**$15**		

Complete this order form and enclose it with your check, money order, or international money order payable in US dollars to "Reactor" and mail it to:
Reactor Inc., 445 West Erie, Chicago, IL 60610.
Please allow 4 weeks for delivery.

Sub-Total	
Illinois residents add 8.75% sales tax	
Total	

Welcome to the premiere issue of **CHAIN REACTION!**

CHAIN REACTION keeps our registered customers informed of Reactor's activities and new releases. This is an exclusive publication—the only way to receive this newsletter on a continual basis is to stay on Reactor's elite customer list by sending in your product registration cards. So far, we've received over 40% of our registration cards. By industry standards, that percentage is mind-boggling. I'm really impressed by this show of support and I've decided to publish this newsletter on a regular basis to stay in touch with Reactor's select audience.

A great many people have been wondering what Reactor has been doing in the past year. Simply put: Reactor has been growing by leaps and bounds. We've reorganized the company, improved all facets of our business from production to marketing and distribution to customer service. We've also powered-up for the next generation of CD-ROM titles. The first of a new wave in CD-ROM entertainment will be **Screaming Metal**—a product that is sure to set a new standard in quality for computer games everywhere.

As content goes, entertainment is making all the difference in the Macintosh CD-ROM market. **Spaceship Warlock** is the #1 best-selling CD-ROM for the Macintosh—a position that title has held for over a year now (**Virtual Valerie** was the #1 title prior to the release of Warlock). Predictably, Reactor has spawned a flood of imitators. We applaud them! We're thrilled to see the impact we're making on the entire industry!

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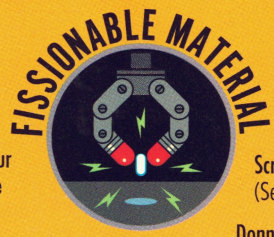
In 1989 when I founded Reactor, my goal was to create a company of talented people to develop and publish compelling and robust CD-ROM entertainment titles. Besides hoping to create a strong and successful publishing business, I wanted to establish an in-house production studio that would be a fascinating and highly creative environment—a digital multimedia laboratory that would inspire unique, multi-talented developers to reach new heights in creative expression, to innovate and to entertain. I'm proud to say that studio is now a reality.

Today, our full attention is on new title development. Besides Screaming Metal, we've taken **Virtual Valerie** back to my original vision for the product with both **Virtual Valerie: The Director's Cut** and **Virtual Valerie 2**. We've also begun pre-production work on both **Spaceship Warlock II** and a new adult-oriented product called **DonnaMatrix.**

I have many close friends and associates to thank for their support (you know who you are!), but Reactor owes a great deal of our success to discriminating customers like you. We enjoy our selective audience and our creative work so much that we've decided to go full throttle and we couldn't wait to tell you. And that's really what this issue of CHAIN REACTION is all about.

I thank you.

Mike Saenz
President & CEO
Reactor Inc.



To put an end to speculation and give our audience the straight dope, here are the projects currently on Reactor's burners:

Spaceship Warlock II™
This sequel to Spaceship Warlock will have the intrepid crew of the Warlock return to battle the evil Kroll in a new adventure with more than a few surprises! This one will feature images generated with new 3D modeling and animation technology

Screaming Metal™
(See our lead story for description)

Donna Matrix™
Donna could be viewed as Virtual Valerie's wicked step-sister. We can't say any more at this point, but expect Donna to go where no computer game character has gone before! ADULTS ONLY.

VIRTUAL VALERIE™

Virtual Valerie: The Director's Cut

Prior to Virtual Valerie's release the original interactive sex scenes were prudishly cut— presumably in the name of good taste (her programmer's won't say for sure). Now, the original sex scenes and sounds have been restored and the product has been upgraded.

Virtual Valerie 2

With Director's Cut out of the way, the Reactor development team took a *long, hard* look at Valerie. The old creative juices began flowing once again! Having "boned-up" on new techniques, they set to work on the mind-blowing sequel to this best-selling CD-ROM. The result is **Virtual Valerie 2**!

In Virtual Valerie 2, the Val Gal returns as a **full-blown interactive sex toy!** Featuring numerous interactive erotic scenarios with an all-new, beautifully-rendered 3D Valerie, this one is a virtual **SEXPLOSION!**

To order Virtual Valerie 2 or upgrade to The Director's Cut, call:

BODYCELLO: 1-800-922-3556
EDUCORP: 1-800-843 9497

ADULTS ONLY! YOU MUST BE 21 TO ORDER!

Dear Reactor Mutants,

When I'm playing Spaceship Warlock, I exit the "Brig" scene and get a message that reads "File not found: ENG.8A". Is there a file missing from the game? What should I do at that point?

Tom Kendall
San Francisco, California

Hammer: There are no missing files on board MY ship! Some green-horned yahoo must have left behind some faulty wiring! Just hit "cancel" and get back to your duties.

Dear Sirs:

When I'm playing Valerie, I get to the bedroom scene and...um...I sport with Valerie for a bit and what I want to know is this: does Valerie do anything else after that?

Name and address withheld

Valerie: Well! What do you expect on the first date? Seriously, that's all I can do in that version and I think my numskull programmers are completely to blame! Shame on them! Fortunately, I'm in top form in both Virtual Valerie: **The Director's Cut** and **Virtual Valerie 2**. But don't just take my word for it—see for yourself!

Dear Sirs:

I love you guys! I have an idea that I'd like to see you try! I'd love to see an erotic fantasy in outer space that features ZERO-G sex scenarios and uses Reactor's trademark style of high quality art and music!

What I dig about the concept of interactive erotica is that it does not use sick-looking human actors, but is the product of creative software designers and is therefore closer to erotic art than sleazy porno. I'd love to see Virtual Valerie become stylized like an X-rated "Jessica Rabbit"! Amazingly, I still have my old copy of "MacPlaymate" (my wife loves it!) and like Valerie, Maxie is still a great conversation piece.

Anyway, keep up the great work and keep those CD-ROMs coming!

Sincerely,
Dave Herbstman
New York, NY

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THUMBS UP:
We highly recommend the **CD-Technology Porta-Drive** (a **Toshiba**-built device) because of its speed, price and reliability. The **Apple SC** (a **Sony**-built device) is also a fairly good drive.

THUMBS DOWN:
There are some problematic CD-ROM drives on the market that appear to be popular for their price and speed. These are the **CDR-73M, CDR-74** and **CDR-84** drives from **NEC.** Symptoms are: blurring of graphics, blank dialog boxes, and false "out of memory" errors. NEC will provide a CD-ROM driver software upgrade to anyone experiencing such problems **(NEC tech support 1-800-388-8888).** However, the NEC mechanisms are still suspect: the unit we tested seriously overheated after just 3 hours of use and more than one caller has reported the same problem.

Under circumstances difficult to ascertain, there are a few CD-ROM drives that won't run Reactor's titles properly. If you own one of these drives, call the drive manufacturer and demand satisfaction.

—Reactor Tech Support

WHERE TO BUY

RETAIL PURCHASING:
Reactor's products are carried by all the major software distributors worldwide. Check with your preferred software store or dealer.

MAIL ORDER PURCHASING:
Check with your preferred mail order house. Most mail order houses carry our mainstream titles. A few also carry our Adults Only line. In the U.S., these mail order companies are:

EDUCORP: 1-800-843 9497
BODYCELLO: 1-800-922-3556

DEALERS: Contact any of our following distributors:

IN THE UNITED STATES:
INGRAM MICRO: 1-800-456-8000
MERISEL MACAMERICA: 1-800-637-4735
SOFTKAT: 1-800-641-1057
EDUCORP: (619) 536-9999
PC MICRO: (410) 889-1000

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SOFTKAT: (818) 700-9000 EXT# 213
EDUCORP: (619) 536-9999

CUSTOMER SURVEY

Yes, we actually read the registration cards you send in! We've been keeping a database of what you've selected as your favorite themes for future Reactor CD-ROM titles. Here are your top ten favorite themes:

1. Science Fiction
2. Space Fantasy
3. Adult Fantasy
4. Future War
5. Mystery
6. Comedy
7. Espionage
8. Detective
9. Superhero
10. Sword and Sorcery

Based on this survey, we've decided to make our next title an adult-oriented interactive movie about interstellar war and espionage with mysterious villains, funny-animal characters, starring YOU as a sword-wielding detective with super powers battling the forces of evil in a mythical land of dungeons and dragqueens called "Horray for Hollyweird". Nah! Truthfully, we don't base our developments strictly on market surveys, but we do like to know what you think! With your input, we can create a popular title that may one day surpass even the great "Golden Disc of Strip Mining" or some such.

CONTACT INFO:

Letters, comments, and technical support questions about our products are welcome. All letters sent to Chain Reaction become the property of Reactor Inc.

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